

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 3, 7-8, and 13-15 will have been amended and claims 16-18 will have been newly submitted. Further, claim 9 will have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection together with an indication of the allowability of all pending claims, in due course.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of March 26, 2004.

Further, Applicant submits that an object of the present invention, as recited in the claims, is to achieve a proper fitting of knobs and lids based upon the mounting side of the glove box assembly with respect to the vehicle. In addition, the present invention, as recited in the claims, relies upon having protrusions located at substantially different positions of the lid depending upon the mounting side of the glove box assembly. Accordingly, with such features, appropriate lids and knobs are configured to couple together based upon a proper fitting of corresponding mating structures.

However, Applicant submits that BROWN does not disclose or suggest at least the above-mentioned features, as recited in the claimed combinations. Rather, BROWN explicitly discloses that the symmetrical nature of the therein disclosed invention renders it suitable for use in both right side driving countries and left side driving countries (e.g., column 9, lines 33-37). Furthermore, BROWN fails to disclose or suggest, *inter alia*, handle extensions that are placed on different positions of the handle

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structure based upon the mounting side of the vehicle, but merely discloses a single handle 22 and handle extension 92 configuration.

Moreover, Applicant submits that BROWN teaches away from providing handles with handle extensions that are located in different positions based upon the mounting side, as recited in the claims, at least since BROWN is directed towards providing structure that accommodates both sides of the vehicle and that does not discriminate between different mounting sides of the glove box assembly with respect to the vehicle. Accordingly, as BROWN fails to disclose each and every feature recited in the claims, Applicant respectfully requests passage of the present application to issue.

Furthermore, Applicant submits new claims 16-18 for the Examiner's consideration. New claims 16-18 are believed to be allowable for at least the combination of features recited therein, as well as for depending on claim 1, 3, or 8, which Applicant have shown to be allowable.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims in the present application are clearly patentable over the reference cited by the Examiner and an indication to such effect is respectfully requested, in due course.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

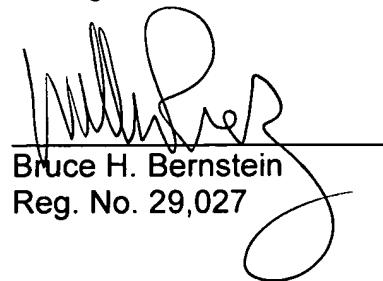
Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests an indication to that effect. Applicant has amended the claims to enhance clarity and argued their allowability. Accordingly, reconsideration of the outstanding Official Action and allowance of the present application and all the recited claims therein are respectfully requested and now believed to be appropriate.

Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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